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DIST: 27 JULY 1985

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA/CUBA

SUBJ: BACKGROUND ON THE AUGUST 1976 DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO
CUBAN EMBASSY SECURITY MEN; ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF
AN ARGENTINE RIGHTIST IN THE KIDNAPPING, TORTURE,
AND MURDER OF THE TWO CUBANS

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TEXT: 1. ON APPROXIMATELY 1 AUGUST 1976,

CUBAN OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA WERE PROVIDING MONEY TO AR-

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS; [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES
OF THE CUBANS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CUBAN EMBASSY WAS USING A LOCATION DESIGNATED
FOR THE EDUCATION OF CUBAN CHILDREN AND ADULTS FOR THE
STORAGE OF ARMS WHICH IT WOULD PROVIDE TO ARGENTINE SUBVER-
SIVES.

2. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES ARRESTED
A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ~~REVOLUTIONARY~~ ARMY OF
THE PEOPLE (ERP), AN ARREST THAT TOOK PLACE WHEN SHE WAS
LEAVING THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. THE AUTHORITIES
DISCOVERED THAT SHE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF
ARGENTINE CURRENCY. THEY INTERROGATED THE YOUNG WOMAN, AND
SHE CONFESSED THAT THE CUBANS HAD GIVEN THE MONEY TO HER FOR
THE SUPPORT OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA.

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3. ~~ANIBAL~~ (GORDON), AN ARGENTINE ~~RIGHT-WING~~ EXTREMIST
[REDACTED] WAS
PRESENT AT THE INTERROGATION OF THE WOMAN. HE HEARD HER SAY
THAT CUBAN SECURITY PERSONNEL HAD GIVEN TO HER THE MONEY WHICH

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WAS FOUND ON HER.

4. WITH THE HELP OF SIDE PERSONNEL, GORDON PARKED AN AMBULANCE NEAR THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES ON 9 AUGUST

1976 AND WAITED FOR CUBAN SECURITY MEN JESUS ~~X~~(CEJAS)) AND CRESCENCIO ~~X~~(GALANENA)) TO LEAVE THE EMBASSY. GORDON AND HIS MEN ABDUCTED THE TWO CUBANS, PUT THEM IN THE AMBULANCE, AND TOOK THEM TO A CLANDESTINE SIDE DETENTION CENTER KNOWN AS "EL JARDIN," WHICH WAS LOCATED IN THE "AUTOMOTORES ORLETI" BUILDING IN BUENOS AIRES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AS OF 23 JULY 1985, GORDON IS UNDER DETENTION ON CHARGES UNRELATED TO THIS INCIDENT INVOLVING THE CUBAN SECURITY MEN.)

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5. WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIDE PERSONNEL, CEJAS AND GALANENA WERE TORTURED AT THE DETENTION CENTER FOR FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. THEY WERE THEN KILLED AND THEIR BODIES PLACED IN FIFTY-FIVE-GALLON DRUMS, WHICH WERE DUMPED IN THE PARANA RIVER.

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GENERAL OTTO ((PALADINO)), WHO WAS THE HEAD OF SIDE WHEN THE TWO CUBAN SECURITY MEN DISAPPEARED, WAS AWARE OF THE MURDERS. UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS MADE UP A STORY THAT THE TWO CUBANS HAD DEFECTED AND HAD GONE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE TIME KNEW THE DETAILS OF THE AFFAIR OF THE TWO CUBAN SECURITY MEN AND WERE AWARE, TOO, OF THE EFFORT TO COVER UP THE INCIDENT.)

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7. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL ((CASTRO)) CALLED ON THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO CUBA AFTER THE TWO SECURITY MEN DISAPPEARED IN HAVANA AND SAID HE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM.)

8. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO BUENOS AIRES NEWSPAPERS, TWO CUBAN STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY -- CEJAS AND GALANENA -- DISAPPEARED ON 9 AUGUST 1976. THE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT CUBAN AMBASSADOR EMILIO ((ARAGONES)) HAD

[REDACTED]
MADE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTI-
GATE THE INCIDENT. [REDACTED]

CEJAS AND GALÂNENA WERE PART OF AN APPROXIMATELY TWELVE-MAN
SECURITY UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR GUARDING THE RESIDENCE OF THE
CUBAN AMBASSADOR, THE CHANCERY, AND INDIVIDUAL CUBAN OFFI-
CIALS WHEN CONSIDERED NECESSARY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARAGONES TOLD COLLEAGUES IN THE EMBASSY
THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THE ABDUCTORS WERE RIGHTISTS CONNECTED
WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY ELEMENTS; HE SAID HE CONSIDERED THE
INCIDENT TO BE A CLEAR AND OPEN PROVOCATION ON THE PART OF
THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

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